

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed May 1, 2009 has been received and reviewed. The Office Action was in the nature of an Ex Parte Quayle Office Action, with execution on the merits closed. A two month extension of time was set, for inviting response. The present response is filed, therefore, in a timely manner.

#### **I. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS; REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEETS**

The Examiner raised a number of rejections to the drawings. Replacement drawings sheets are provided herewith. The drawings include correction in accord with the issues raised by the Examiner.

Corrections to the drawings are as follows:

- (a) The Examiner objected the absence of reference numeral 51 in Figs. 4 and 5 as in page 7, line 27. The reference numeral 51 has been added to both Figs. 4 and 5. There is no new matter is involved.
- (b) The Examiner objected the absence of reference numeral 114 in Fig. 7, as in page 9, line 9. The reference numeral 114 has been added to Fig. 7. No new matter is involved.
- (c) The Examiner objected to the reference numeral 120 for failure to appear in Fig. 7, as in page 9, line 15. The reference numeral 120 has been added appropriately to Fig. 7. No new matter is involved.
- (d) The Examiner objected to absence of the reference numeral 122 in Fig. 7, as in page 9, line 16. Upon review it was perceived that the "122" appearing in page 9, line 16 was an error, the numeral "120" was intended. The Specification has been amended to correct for this, so no additional amendment is needed in the drawing. No new matter is involved.
- (e) The Examiner objected to the absence of reference numeral "148" in Fig. 4, as in page 11, line 30. The Examiner also observes that the reference numeral "48" was used in Fig. 4 in error. A correction with respect to both of these points has been made, and no new matter is involved.

- (f) The Examiner objected to the absence of reference numeral "190" in Figs. 23-25 as in page 14, line 8. The reference numeral 190 has been added to Figs. 23 and 24. However the feature identified by reference numeral 190 is not clearly visible in Fig. 25, and thus, has not been added to that figure. No new matter is involved.
- (g) The Examiner has objected to the absence of reference numerals "244" and "245" in Figs. 15-18, as in page 15, line 28. The reference numerals have been added to Figs. 15 and 16, and it is believed they are not needed in Figs. 17 and 18. No new matter is involved.
- (h) The Examiner objected to the reference numeral 302 for being absent in Fig. 8, as in page 18, line 1. Further, the Examiner objected to the appearance of the reference numeral "308" appearing in Fig. 8. Both have been corrected, and no new matter is involved.

## **II. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Examiner indicated that with respect to the previous Information Disclosure Statement, Japanese Publication No. JP 59-170669 has not been reviewed. Applicants are submitting a copy of JP 59-170669 for review by the Examiner. Applicants are also submitting a photocopy of a Declaration of Tom Miller, submitted in commonly assigned and co-pending application Serial No. 12/135,742. The Examiner is requested to review the information provided in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

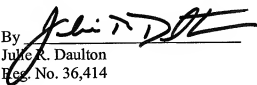
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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